motion as it is a matter of recent occurrence. That would be more serious and I did not want it. Therefore, I brought the matter to your notice. Of course I regret it very much. If a statement is made that what was said was on the spur of the moment, I am prepared to accept it.

President.—Can you bring adjournment motions on the rulings of the Chair?

The Cochin Chief Court Regulation Amendment Bill.

President.—Mr. M. K. Raman will ask for leave to introduce his Bill to amend the Cochin Chief Court Regulation.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I request leave of this House for introducing a Bill to amend the Cochin Chief Court Regulation.

President.—I believe there is no opposition.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—If there is no opposition it may be taken to have been granted.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It has to be formally put, Sir.

President.—Every motion must have the consent of the Council.

(*Question put and agreed to, the Government remaining neutral.*)

The Cochin Nayar Regulation Amendment Bill.

President.—The next item in the agenda is Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar's Bill to amend the Cochin Nayar Regulation.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Sir, I beg leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Cochin Nayar Regulation.

Leave was granted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar's. Marumakkathayam Bill.

President.—The next Bill stands in the name of Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Cochin Marumakkathayam Bill.

President.—Is this Bill different from the Bill just introduced by Mr. Kannan Nayar?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar. There is some slight difference.

(*Leave was granted.*)

The Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill.

President.—The next Bill is Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja's Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure. The Member is absent. He will have to bring in a fresh motion.

Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

23. Drinking water to certain villages.

President.—We shall now deal with resolutions. We have to resume our discussion on resolution No. 23 standing in

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the name of Mr. K. J. Antony. Mr. Ayyappan moved an amendment to the resolution. Is it not so?

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Yes, Sir.

President.—Do you accept the amendment, Mr. Antony?

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Yes, Sir, I accept the amendment.

President.—Mr. Ayyappan, have you finished your speech the other day?

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I have spoken all that I have to speak the other day.

President.—There is also another amendment, and it stands in the name of Mr. Kannan Nayar.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—In view of the wider amendment, I do not want to move my amendment.

Hence the following amendment was considered withdrawn:—

"Add after 'Manacheri', "Kadamakkudi, Panambukad and other islands surrounded by Salt water'."

President.—Would you like to exercise your right of reply?

Mr. K. J. Antony.—No, Sir.

President.—What was the position of the Government side in this matter ? Was there any opposition by anybody?

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Not exactly opposition, but they, however, pointed out that it was impracticable.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—We do not oppose it, but if this problem has to be solved, first of all investigations should be made in that restricted locality. The difficulty is to find a source of good water supply since we should have good water for drinking purposes. Investigation should be made to see whether good water is available in this small area.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Investigation may be the first step.

President.—Experiments will be carried out to find out a source of good water supply. I may say that there are a number of processes to be undergone and the first of them is experimenting.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The only solution to this problem will be to transport water from Mattancheri in casks and then supply Alwaye water to these parts.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Hon'ble Member say that he has thoroughly investigated the question?

President.—In British Cochin I think they were carrying experiments.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We took adavantage of the experiments taken by the British people.

President.—If the Government are not in a position to carry out this resolution, then it is open to you to oppose the resolution.

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Question proposed:—"*that this House do recommend to the Government that immediate steps be taken to supply fresh drinking water to the people of the seashore villages of the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.*"

(*Question put and agreed to, Government remaining neutral.*)

24. Manure and seed depots,

(*As Mr. K. T. Mathew was absent, the following resolution and an amendment to it were considered witharawn:*—

"*This Council requests the Government to open manure and seed depots in every taluk in the State within a period of one year*".

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*Between the words 'depots' and 'in' insert the words 'at convenient centres'.*)

25. Representation of unrepresented classes.

President.—The next resolution stands in the name of Mr. C. J. Mathew.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, in commending the resolution "*that this House recommends to the Government that adequate representation may be given to all unrepresented classes in the Government service*" for the acceptance by this House, I wish to point out that I do not want to provoke any inter-communal feeling. Take it as a business proposition. It is purely from an economical point of view that I look at this question. There are certain communities who, for want of sufficient education or for want of other necessary qualification, could not get entry into Government service for long time in the past. Such of these communities who have now come up with the required amount of qualification may hereafter be entertained in Government service. Their claims may be preferred to others when new vacancies occur. This is the sum and substance of my present resolution which I wish to bring to the notice of this House. Will Government accept it? I don't want efficiency to be sacrificed. When other things remain equal, the new appointments must always go to that community which is less represented in Government service. Government might say they have accepted the principle long long ago. I want to insist upon the Government to apply this principle with greater force hereafter. If the Government would accept that position, then I don't want to press this resolution.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The resolution as explained by the Member will be accepted by the Government. But at the same time the Government cannot sacrifice efficiency for giving representation to the communities. Besides, the policy of the Government has also been to give representation in Government service to the unrepresented communities.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—In considering the efficiency, only

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the minimum qualification should be taken into consideration.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The Hon'ble the mover of the resolution has withdrawn it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Of course if efficiency is sacrificed everything is gone. Would it be possible for the Government to maintain a list of efficient persons who have applied for Government posts and would it also be possible to pick out from such a list the names of the unrepresented communities It is only under the colour of the word efficiency that others feel that they are shut out. That is the complaint.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—As a matter of fact we make a special note of the unrepresented classes. Whenever a vacancy arises, we select one from the unrepresented community and thus we provide them.

President.—We generally give sufficient representation to all communities. Recently I asked an Ezhuva graduate whether he could accept a particular post, but he said that he could not accept it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am very glad to hear that.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have only very recently appointed an Ezhuva in my office.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Very glad that you are coming round.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—But generally I have been appointing more Ezhuvas than any other Departmental Head.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I am very glad to hear that all the officers are in full sympathy with the Ezhuvas.

President.—All the credit goes to the Heads of Departments.

(*The resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

26. Elevation of the untouchable classes.

President.—Then the next resolution is the one standing in the name of Mr. K. T. Mathew, *viz.*, "*That this Council recommends that an annual allotment of at least a lakh of rupees be made for the next three years for the elevation of the so-called untouchable classes.*" But the Member is absent, and, therefore, we shall proceed with the next resolution.

(*The resolution was considered withdrawn.*)

27. Chalakkudi Potteries.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I beg to move the resolution that "*this House recommends to the Government to appoint a Committee to enquire into the reasons for the present stand-still of the Chalakkudi Potteries and to suggest ways and means to run the same on up-to-date lines as a thorough-going Potteries concern.*" The resolution as it stands is sufficiently clear. But the thing is that Chalakkudi has been the seat of all sorts of weakness in industries. It is high time that something should be done to see that the Potteries are worked out. We have expended a

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